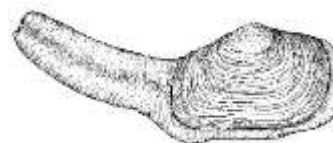

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA GEODUCK CLAM FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today, the following information regarding the Southeast Alaska commercial geoduck clam fishery.

The following areas will be open to the commercial harvesting of geoduck clams for live sale from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 12, and from 6:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday, September 14, 2012:

District 13:

Symonds Bay (Subdistrict 113-31-002): will be open for a guideline harvest level of 4,800 pounds of whole geoduck clams.

Biorka Channel and Legma Island Area (Subdistrict 113-31-003): will be open for a remaining harvest level of 6,300 pounds of whole geoduck clams.

Descriptions of the above areas can be found in the News Release dated August 23, 2012.

Geoduck divers are advised to review 5 AAC 38.142. SOUTHEAST ALASKA GEODUCK FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN in the 2012-2015 Commercial Shellfish Fishing Regulations booklet.

By regulation, all geoducks harvested must be clearly labeled with the date of harvest, the harvester's name and the location of harvest.

In order to facilitate weekly sampling schedules, the department must receive timely information about the daily harvest by area. Divers are requested to contact the company buying their geoducks with an estimate of pounds harvested. **All companies buying geoduck clams are asked to call the Sitka office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Monday, September 17, 2012, with a harvest estimate by area.**

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M1112.

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